PENSION POINTERS.

Inquiries Answered and Suggestions Made.

tAll communications for this column should be accompanied by the true name and correct address of the inquirer. The reply, however, will be marked as may be desired. No attention will be given to anonymous inquiries. If no re-ply is printed within three weeks, write again.]

M. B., Wolcottville, Ind.-If a claim for increase of pension is rejected on the ground that the rate of pension allowed is commer surate with the degree of disability, notwithstanding apparently favorable medical examinations had in the care, probaby the best way to have the case revened is to a peal to the Secretary of the

J. S., Huntingdale, Mo.- When a claim has been returned from special examina tion with a favorable recommendation, the action of the Pension Bureau thereon should be known within a few weeks. The less a pension claimant expects early action on his claim the less likely is he to be disappointed. There is no fixed time with a which the claimant may with certainty expect a decision after his case is ready for final action.

J. B., Lowell, Mass. - See reply to J. S. abo e. For the past six years or more there appears to have been a disposition in the Pen ion Bureau to slight claims filed by those who are already drawing invalid

C. A. C., Greenwood, Cal.-See reply to J. S., above.

S. S. S .- If the sold er's death cannot be shown to be due to the service, and the chil ren are now over 16, they have no title to pension under any law; having no title under the general law because the soldi r's death was not due to his service, and having no title under the act of June 27, 1890, lecau-e there is no pensionable period, they not having applied before be-

J. A. W., Lisbon, Me.—An invalid pen-sioner increased to \$24 per month (third grade; disability equivalent to the loss of hand or foot) is not entitled to draw that rate back to March 3, 1882, simply because of his being n w increased to that rate. In gene al only those are entitled to that rate from March 3, 1883, who were then on the rolls at \$18 per month or who e disablement at that time is conceded to have been equivalent in degree to the loss of hand or

W. C. A., Oshkesh, Wis .- The widows of all so ders and sailers dying from causes due to the service and line of duty incur ed since March 4, 1831, are entitled to pension, under the general law, from the date of the soldier's death until remair age. The rates allowable vary according to the rank of the soldier or sa lor at date of origin of the fatal disability, and in some cases, according to the date of marriage.

A. B. W. No. Waterford, Me.-If an invalid pensioner considers that he has not Yet there always is a feeling been properly rated for a post pensioned period, a caim for recating is the proper one to file; but in cases of disease it is pract - For the crowning entertainmentcally impossible to obtain a readjustment of rate over a past period. The Pension Bureau will consider all a ditional evidence filed in support of a rejected claim.

H. J. N., Net onal Military Home, Chio.-The Special Exam nation Division is not an Independent branch, but a part of the Pension Bureau, under the direction of the Commissioner of Pensions as fully as any other d vision of the work of considering pension

T. H. B., Elizabeth, N. J.-The widow's pension belongs to ber and not to the children, even though she has some additional allowance in rate for such as are under 16. Generally sceaking, there in no such thing as the "children's share." The widow is also entitle to the accrued pension due the soldier at the date of his death, if he was a pensioner or claiming rension.

J. F. R., Prosser, Wash.-A soldier who enlisted in the vo'unteer service for three years in August, 1801, and was honorably discharged in August, 1814, was entitled to \$100 original boarty, rayable on muster-out. He was also entitled to \$100 additional From the scenes of battle-strife bounty under the act of July 28, 1866, but his claim therefor must have been filed be-

E. B. L.-It is not possible for much, if any, progress to be made in the readjustment of the pension rates of those pensioned under the act of June 27, 1890, and reduced or wholly cut off by the last Admin stration, while the decisions and rulings under which the rates were reduced or cut off continue in force. If a pension mony, that such re-enlistment was not claim is rejected, additional evidence may made for the purpose of securing bounty be filed and, in addition, an appeal may be or other gratuity that he would not have taken to the Secretary of the Inter or on | been entitled to, had be remained under the ground that the action of rejection is his original term of enlistment; that the error as shown by the evidence.

Old Vet.- The act of April 11, 1890, provides: "That the 163d article of the Rules | faith/ully under his re-enlistment." and Articles of War be, and the same | Correspondent. - Mere separation, whether is hereby, amended by adding thereto the of long or short duration, does not constifollowing words: No person shall be tried tute divorce. The legal wife at the date of or punished by a court-martial for deser- a sold er's death is alone entitled to recogtion in time of peace and not in the face of nition as his w dow under the pension laws, belo e the arraignment of such person for many years. such offense, unless he shall meanwhile J. T. L., Perry, Fla.—Section 4716, Revised cers. Commander John A. Erhardt pre- ans." have absented himself from the United Statutes, provides: "No money on account | sided. States, in which case the time of his ab- of pension shall be pad to any person, or sence shall be excluded in computing the to the widow, children, or heirs of any deperiod of the limitation: Provided, That | ceased person, who in any manner volunsaid limitation shall not begin until the tarily engaged in, or aided or abetted, the end of the term for which said person was late rebellion against the authority of the mustered into the service." Under this United States." The act of March 3, 1877, veterans. He referred to the fight he had enactment the War Department, upon prop- as amended by the act of Aug. 1, 1892, proer application, issues what is called a vides that the above law "shall not be Home at Milford, when a bill was before vis on. "deserter's release." A decision rendered construed to apply to such persons as after- the Nebraska Legislature for its disband-Oct. 27, 1896, holds that "desertion from | ward voluntarily enlisted in either the army | ment. subsequent to the war of the rebellion is while in such service, incurred disability | ambition to enlarge our numbers except by

pensioner requiring the "frequent and eral law ranges from \$3 to \$30, according to when we suspend for non-payment of dues person, on account of disability of proven the smallest pensionable degree of deaf- state, when we lose by death and honorservice origin, has been granted only \$30 ness of both cars, and the latter being the able discharge as many members as we to C. D. Rooney, Charman Committee on has been committed by the Pension There is no fixed rating for lung disease. importance to our continued existence. Bureau and a rerating can probably be The rating is fixed according to the degree had, though how long a time will be of disablement therefrom. nere sary to obtain a read ustment of the J. W., Newton, Iowa.-If a claim for reinquiry of a Member of Congress, whether by the pension certificate, the claim, if almembership from one Post to another.

S. J. C., Baldwin,-The accrued pension pension of the soldier, the action is evi- not be able to obtain it on account of the payment of dues; but with a brighter sun members by muster; 63 members by transdentily error. Application should be made pensioned disabilities, and it will be to his shining upon their pathway, and with the fer, and 76 Camps and 1,723 members by

possible to obtain an official copy of a pension certificate. decree of divorce, owing to the destruction of the or ginal record, the divorce may be shown by other evidence.

mutation of rations for the period of a fur lough may be made to the "Commissary- termination of the clam. An order for from all sources of 625. The loss by death bers General of Subs stence, U. S. A., Wash | medical examination may be, and generally | was 123, by honorable discharge 136, by ington, D. C." It is usually necessary to

file the or ginal furlough. N. M. B., Hedges, O. - To have a bill pre- Pension Bureau. sented in Congress for special-act pension requires, practically, first, the enlisting of 1892, provides: "That sold ers and sa lors the in crest of a Senator or Representative who are shown to be totally incapacitated unanimously elected Commander. Other in Congress. There are no blank forms for performing manual labor by reason of

injuries received or d sease contracted in North Platte; J. V. C., H. B. Stafford, J. W., Blue Springs. Neb.-If a pension the service of the United States and in line Plainview; Medical Director, J. R. Haggard; claim was sent to the Board of Review of of duty, and who are thereby disabled in Chap., W. P. Pease; Council of Administrathe Pension Bureau, and another medical such a degree as to require frequent and tion, Dr. W. H. Banwell John Resse, W. S. examination then ordered by direction of periodical, though not regular and constant, the Medical Referee, the indications are personal aid and attendance of another perthat it was not deemed clear from the evi- | son, shall be entitled to rece ve a pension dence in the case what if any ratings the of \$50 per month from and after the date of cla mant should be allowed If two months the certificate of the Exam ning Surgeon George, Meade, and Cordy. The next meethave elapsed since an additional medical or Board of Examining Surgeons showing ing will be at York. examination under these circumstances, it such degree of disability, and made subsewould seem that the claim should soon be quent to the passage of this act." heard from.

D. M., N. Y. City.-Section 3 of the act of March 2, 1889, provides : "That the charge | tained by the Secretary of the Inter or on . desert on now standing on the rol's and cords in the office of the Adjutant-General of the Army against any Regular or volunteer soldier who served in the late war | Secretary of the Interior to reconsider the of the rebellion by reason of his having enlisted in any regiment, troop, or company, or in the United States Navy or Marine Corps, without having first received a discharge from the regiment, troop, or company in which he had previously served, shall be removed in all cases wherein it shall be made to appear to the satisfaction



[Written for THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE.] BY ALLAN D. MAY, FALLS CITY, NEB.

On each stormy Winter's evening, When the tempest howls without, And the wind is madly whirling Snow and icy sleet about,

In the little corner grocery By the word fire's ruddy glow, All the village patriarchs gather, Spinning yarns of long ago. There is Toby King the sailor

Who has braved the Spanish main, There is Tommy Banks, who skirmished With the red skins on the plain; There is Ike, the sturdy miner,

Who went West in '49: Gray-haired Mose, who trapped and hunted 'Neath the hemlock and the pine. And each tells some reminiscence,

Some adventure he has known, And hair-breadt a escapes from danger In the years that long have flown; That at last the time is ripe

When the Colonel lights his pipe. For the Colonel was a veteran

And enlisted in the ranks From a straggling little village On the Mississippi's banks; And he lights his pipe and gently Blows the smoke in curling rings, And his aged voice grows mellow And his fertile memory brings

Tales of days when war was rampant And the very Nation bled, When the future looked the darkest And it seemed that hope was dead. He describes the field of Shiloh Stone River's war-swept banks,

How the hell of Chickamanga Burned away the gallant ranks; From the scenes of battle-strife, And will dwell upon the misery Of the rebel prison life.

And the stories he will tell them Are of such a varied type, All the crowd is expectation-When the Colonel lights his pipe.

claimed on.

absence from the service did not exceed

four months, and that such soldier served

Then he takes his cane and shows them-On the warped and battered floor That betrays its years of service In the little grocery store-How the breastworks were constructed

And the enemy intrenched, How the stronghold was assaulted, Their position from them wrenched. Then the Colonel's voice grows husky-

He is telling of the eve When the day's engagement left him With a dangling empty sleeve. And he puffs away in silence Ere beginning to enlarge

By some famous, desperate charge. And there's one part of his story That must ne'er omitted be: It is how he marched with Sherman From Atlanta to the Sea.

On the things that were accomplished

And a holier, deeper reverence For each separate star and stripe In the grand old flag is 'wakened When the Colonel lights his pipe Toby King may tell of sailing

All the southern waters through, Of the bloody fights he witnessed With the desperate pirate crew; Tommy Banks may tell of scouting On the plains in early days, Tales of stratagem in learning All the Indian's wily ways: Ike may tell of strange adventures And the hardships all untold Of the ones who journeved westward Seeking California's gold; Gray-haired Mose may entertain them With the life the trappers share, How alone and single handed

He once killed a grizzly bear;-Though their tales be filled with interest And attention never lags, And though volunteers are welcome, And the evening never drags,

the Good of the Order.

Commander Erhardt's address touched

orable discharge 8, and by delinquent re-

Se ior Vice Commander T. J. Majors was

officers chosen are: S. V. C., John E. Evans,

Askwith, N. Cordy, and J. F. Diener. Dele-

gates, Comrades McLaughlin, Stiles, Bon

rades Will amson, Mitchell, Turcker,

ner, Blainley, and King Allernates, Com-

Among the resolutions passed was one

and fair construction placed on existing

S di ers' Homes was asked of the Nebraska

Legislature. Gen. Thayer introduced a

Harvard, for unpatriotic utte ances regard-

DEPARTMENT DOINGS.

W. W. Cooke Post, 472, Hamilton, On-

tario, Canada, recently held an enthusiastic

ing Union soldiers and pensions.

Dec 31, 1897, was 6,491,

Everyone drops into silence When at last the time is ripe For the best thing on the program-When the Colonel lights his pipe.

Eighmey.

torney of record in a rejected pension claim active working members."

is, applicable to all claims of the applicant, transfer 222, by suspension 639, by dishon-

Examine goods you buy before they are | Campfire with U. S. Consul Sheppard as its

wrapped up. Then you run less risk of guest. Nearly 30 veterans were present.

does not require any spec at authorization

he has more than one pending in the

A. J., lake Como, Pa .- The act of July 14,

F. W., Kalispell. Mont.-When the re-

jection of a pension claim has been sus-

appeal, the rejection may be further con-

tested by the filing of additional evidence

former decision.

in the Pension Eureau and requesting the

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mustered seven years ago, and although not very strong in numbers, its membership is made up of jolly good fellows. We are strangers in a strange land, but are always treated in a kind and friendly manner by our neighbors and the logal press. Through The Nat onal Tribune we manage to keep in line and touch elbows with our comrades over the border."

J. C. DeGress Post, 76, has been organized at Fort Worth, Tex., with a charter membership of 10. Commander Ed. Ketchum extends to the new society a cordial welcome into the Texas Department.

Com ades of Stillwell Post, 375, and other veterans of Co fax, Ind., indorse a bill to give \$1 a day to every honorably-dis-charged veteran during the remainder of his life. Those now drawing less rension are to be placed on the rolls at that rate. A committee has been appointed, with Hiram J. Coon as Charman and George Allison as Secretary, and it is proposed to meet all veterans of the Ninth Congressional District, to nominate a Congressman who will give hearty support to the bill. Col. C. V. Pond, Assistant Adjutant-Gen

eral of Michigan, reports to National Head-quarters 379 Pests, with a membership of 15,726 in good standing. During the year eight new Posts were organized and six disbanded; 640 recruits were mustered; 71 comrades were re-instated; 338 died, and 109 were honorably d scharged. The total value of property owned by Posts is \$85,000. Nearly \$20,000 was expended for relief during the year.

members, one whose large heart was ever in sympathy with his less fortunate comrades, and who was ever ready to perform a generous and kindly act in the interest of those who needed his assistance. It fell to the lot of but few men to accomplish the good that was wrought out in the 1 fe of this in his death the Grand Army of the Republic has lost one of its most cherished members, every comrade must feel a personal pride in his noble, self sacrificing, useful

Aids and Inspectors presented Commander John M. Deane with a handsome watch, chain and charm, and also sent to his wife a heautiful diamond brooch. The presentation speech was made by Capt. J. N. Parker, Chief of Staff. Gen. A. J. Smith Post, 559, Alma, Mo.

has passed stirring resolutions on the pen-sion question. While not opposed to a is suspected, either in pending claims or claims that have been allowed and certificates issued, they resent the slanderous attacks on the veterans as a class. The resolution is signed by Commander J. M. Slaight, Adj't W. S. Vernon, S. B. Williams, and Tilman Fox, members of the

SONS OF VETERANS.

Commander-in-Chief Charles K. Darling has just issued General Orders from National Headquarters, Boston, Mass. He announces that the general condition of the Order has improved, and that the prospocts for further improvement seem to be excellent. In the matter of recruiting, and in several Divisions in organizing new Camps, Gen. Darling thinks a step has been taken in the right direction and a cont nuance will give the Order greater cause Maj. A. S. Cushman, who estabnumerical strength.

"It is undoubtedly true that the greater portion of our members can do more than speaker. In an earnest address Maj. Cushthey are doing to build "up our membership," says Gen, Darling, and we trust that every brother who has the opportunity to induce others to join with him in the work of the Sons of Veterans will not neglect his duty in this respect.

"In this connection, we are reminded that, while it is desirable to obtain new members, it is also necessary that we should retain those already affiliated The suspension list has been and will continue to be enormous, unless more attention is paid to dealing with this vexing and often discouraging problem.

"Personal attention to delinquents on the part of officers of the Camps, and a thorough understanding of the causes that | have fought for our flag and our free instilead to delinquency, should first be ascertained, before final action is taken and the names added to the suspension list. It is us, not simply unimpaired, but made more well not to permit a brother to impair his glorious and more serviceable." membership without some personal and direct effort by the proper officers to pre-vent him, if possible, from incurring such What Veterans Are Doing for

"The season of the year that has heretofore been marked by active work is at hand, and it is hoped that this year will prove no exception to the rule, unless it te in the abundance of its good results. To this end the purpose and object of each The 22d annual Encampment of the De- member should be given some practical partment of Nebraska, held at Norfolk, service that will tend to enlarge the an enemy, committed more than two years even though she had not lived with him for was largely attended by the rank and file membership, extend the influence and inof the Order, as well as delegates and offi- crease the prestige of the Sons of Veter-

Mayor Bear, an ex Confederate | The following additional appointments of soldier, welcomed the allied Orders to the Assistant Inspectors-General are ancity. Prayer was offered by Chaplain P. H. | nounced: Dr. E. Weldon Young, Past Surgeon-General, to inspect the Washington Division; George F. Wolz, Past Division on many matters of interest to Nebraska Commander, to inspect the Nebraska Division; D. S. Printup, Past Division Comled for the continuance of the Soldiers' mander, to inspect the South Dakota Di-

It is the intention that Ins.-Gen. J. Frank the Regular Army under an enlistment or navy of the United States, and who, | Said Commander Erhardt: "I have no new set of inspect on blanks to conform to Durston, Syracuse, N. Y., shall prepare a not a har to allowance of pension under from a wound or injury received or disease the addition of our comrades, but it seems terested in this matter are invited to offer contracted in the line of duty." The rating to me that when we lose by transfer two such suggestions as they deem proper, for C. H. H., Norwalk, Fla.-If an invaid for deafness of both ears under the gen- members for every one that we receive, the consideration of the Inspector-General. periodical" a d and attendance of another the degree of deafness; the former being for three members for every one that we rein- with regard to the revision of the Ritual of

per month, it would seem that gross error rate allowed for t tal deafness of both ears. muster in, it becomes a matter of grave Revision of R tual, Boston. All matter to be considered should be typewritten, if "No comrade should be suspended for possible, and three copies sent in each non-payment of dues if financially unable case. Division Commanders are requested to pay. No transfer cards should be issued to forward in triplicate copies of resolutions matter it would be impossible to say. The issue is based on disabilities not covered except to enable a comrade to transfer his bearing on the subject which may be Senator or Representative, is apt to ex- lowed, would carry rerating from the date. True, many of our comrades are poor, and campments, so that they may also be conpedite the consideration of a pension when such disabilities were formally owing to business depression in the past, sidered in advance of being presented to

Milton, Pa.—As a rule a claimant loses our comrades on the farms have had a From the report for the quarter ending of a deceased invalid pensioner is payable nothing by prosecuting seve at claims at struggle for existence, and added to this Sept. 30 it is noted that at the beginning to his widow, and if in any case the Pension Bureau has granted the widow's sion without also allowing the accrued for a certain degree of disablement, he may allowed themselves to be suspended for nono the Commissioner of Pensions.

C. F. W., Broadland, S. D.—If it is im
to rating on disabilities not covered by the large majority large m of our cemrades who have been suspended six Camps and 59 members by disband-G. A. Coaltewn, Pa.—The recognized atby honorable discharge: 70 members by H. L. Mazeppa, Pa.—Application for com- from the claimant for any action which he Gage showed heavy loss. On Dec. 31, 1896, by suspension; total, 106 Camps and 3,896. The report of Assistant Adjutant-General | transfer and 100 Camps and 3,647 members The net gain was 10 Camps and 172 mem-Q.-M.-Gen. R. Loebenstein's report shows

the financial condition of the Order as good. with 8985,26 cash and supplies valued at ports 276; a to at of 1,398. The membership | \$1,128.45 on hand.

DIVISION SNAPSHOTS.

The annual Encampment of the Indiana Division will be held at Columbus, May 18 and 19. For the first time in the history of the Division the Sons will meet at the same time and place as the G.A.R. and W.R.C. Commander Thompson is hopeful that a large increase in membership may be the result of support gained from the older Orders.

John A. Logan Camp, 1, Phoebus, Va., celebrated Union Defenders' Day with appropr ate exercises. Among the guests were the officers and members of Encampasking President McKinley to have liberal ment No. 9, U. V. L.; John A. Logan Post, 26; Col. Royal T. Frank Garrison, 50, Regupension laws. Apprepriation sufficient for lar Army and Navy Union, and John A hospitals at the Grand Island and Milford Logan Corps.

Capt. L. C. Havens writes that Lynde Camp, 50, of Dalton, N. Y., observed Un on resolution condemning Dr. Andrews, of Defenders' Day. An original poem was rown University, and President Eliott, of read by Capt. John W. Hand, Co I, 136th N. Y. Division Chaplain Rev. W. K. Towner delivered an address. Invitations were sent to nearly 75 el gible young men, and as a result several recruits have been mustered.

The reputation of a responsible firm is of the Sec ctary of War, from such rolls and getting imitations instead of what you Comrade Gas on is Commander. Adj't vertised wares. Who answers for the cheap James Ryerson writes: "This Post was substitutes that are sometimes offered?

Tyrone, Pa. To Whom It May Concern:—The reputation of H. A. Gripp, German setist, of this place, is good. I personally believe that he will make every honest effort to carry out all be promises.

I. C. GILLAM, Mayor.

MR. H. A. GRIPP, Tyrone, Pa.—Dear Teacher and Friends: At the beginning of my letter I want to thank you over and over again for the abundance of work I have received during the past eight mouths. I have been, to quote an expression from one of your other pupils, "anowed under with work from Mr. Gripp." In two days I received \$20.00 worth of work. Oh! dear Mr. Gripp, I can never show you how I appreciate your goodness. Some of my friends thought that because I lived so far away I would not get any work, but I am so glad I can say they were missaken. I am learning to work so much faster, too, and If my eves did not trouble me I could make \$50.00 every one of these long Summer months, but in the cloudy Winter days I simply cannot see well enough to do that much work. I while not change my present occupation under any circumstances, and if every young girl knew of your work there would be Lewer in other vocations. But as you well know, there are so many fraudulent advertisements nowadays, that the much imposed upon public are loth to believe the truth when they see it. If you wish, Mr. Gripp, you may publish this letter and perhaps it will influence some one. If any one wishes to ask anything concerning the school and will enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope I will glady answer all questions.

Your grateful student,

LELLA MAUD LESLIE.

H. A. GRIPP. Dear Sir: I enclose a picture of myself just after finishing a picture for you. I alway dreaded the possibility of having to go out to work, but since I learned how to make Crayon Portraits by you method and received both my work and pay promptly my mind is eased. I thank you for employing me ampaying me so well.

Mich respectfully.

ANNIE SCHULTZ.

MY DEAR MR. GRIPP: I cannot speak too highly of your method of teaching Crayon Portrait Puints ing by mall. I have found it as represented in every respect and would advise any one wishing home employment to take up the work. I received your check for \$18.00. Many thanks Will send work received from you this morning, in a day or two. I am very truly yours, H. H. LEMMING.

Mr. H. A. GRIPP, Dear Sir: Please accept my thanks for check of \$14.50, received this s. m., in payment for last week's work. I also return the roll of work which I finished yesterday. I am not working today, although I have another roll of work lying here. I want to have a few days' lay-off after working for you a year without making a day. Please do not send me say more work until further notice as I want to finish my orders which I have from friends, and am going with a party to Lake Park at Lake Minnetonka on a fishing trip. You can easily imagine that I am on the level otherwise I could not go to Lake Park, which is the greatest summer resort in the north. And, just think of lif the idea, being as poor as a trump when I started to learn your system a year ago having no hopes whatever of succeeding when I answered your advertisement, judging you to be a catch-penny concern and never anticipating to learn your system a year ago done, although I had to atudy your instruction book while I was learning. I am now at the top of the ladder. Everyone calls me an artist and I can associate with the best case of peope which I could not do before I knew that there was any one in Tyrone whose name was H. A. Gripp. You may use this letter as a testimonial and I will eladly answer any inquiry for information about your system, etc., providing they enclose a stamp. Thanking you again for past favors, I am

Very respectfully,

I have insued a little book which with a will be a stamp of the ladder. It is a stamp of the ladder which is not a stamp. Thanking you again for past favors, I am

I have issued a little book which will instruct you how I send my work, and explains how to finish the work, and how much I pay for each print. Also gives name and address of lots of my students, who have learned and are working for me now all over the United States and Canada. If you really wish to make some money in spare time or wish to devote all your spare time to the work, send for the book at once and I will send it free of charge. This is no bogus advertisement, but necessary for me to engage good persons to work for me and a godsend for many homes. Address plainly,



To Whomsoever It May Concern :—I, the undersigned, take pleasure in saying that Mr. H. A. Gripp, the German artist, of Tyrone, Fa., has furnished my wife with work amounting from \$30.00 to \$50.60 a month, since she has learned to do satisfactory work.

STEPHEN TRAVER, Pastor Lutheran Church, Petersburg, Pa.

MEN AND WOMEN. I send a Crayon Portrait free of charge as a Guide to each student.

I send each of my students a Crayon Portrait of any person. The best is of some one dear to you, or of some one you know well, because you would learn quicker on a face you know. Also do I send you a print of of this person, for you to finish, with all material and instruction. The Portrait will be a sure guide for any one and is painted the same as my instruction teaches, and as Portrait and Print are of the same Photograph, any person can do the work if they only try. Send for my book at once; it will be sent to you the same day when I receive your letter or eard; so that you do not need to want too long for the work.

The death of Department Chaplain C. C. Salter is announced in General Orders of the Minnesota Department. Commander Wood paid a very high tribute to the dead comrade. He says: "The organization has lost one of its most faithful and devoted God-fearing and patrotic man, and while

At a banquet following the Massachu-setts Encampment the Staff, Department

thorough investigation of cases where fraud

THE RELIEF CORPS.

Loyal Young Men and Their Great News and Gossip of the Great Auxil-

Always in the front in any patriotic movement are the veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic and their faithful auxiliars of the Woman's Relief Corps. The movement to build a George Washington Memorial Building, as a forerunner of a University of the United States, affords no exception to the rule, and it was particularly encouraging that at the representative Boston meeting in aid of the good lished the first Grand Army Post in New England, should have participated as a man said:

"I am confident that my comrades throughout the length and breadth of our favored land will give every encouragement which their loyal hearts may devise to carry on such patriotic work. Wherever an opportunity has presented itself for discussing the objects of the George Washington Memorial Association I have found sympathetic listeners who appreciated, with myself, the benefits that must flow to the generations yet to come from this work of loyal women. Would that I could incite them by any word of mine to strengthen their hands and render them all the assistance which may come from those who tutions, that posterity may receive the heritage which the fathers transmitted to

ILLINOIS HOME.

Fourteen members of the committee appointed at the last Encampment, G.A.R. with Judge Cochran, Past Department Commander, as Chairman, have made their annual visit to the Soldiers' Widows Home, Wilmington, Ill. They were accompanied by a number of visitors. The party were received by Capt. M. N. U. Stewart, President of the Board of Trustees, Past Department President Flo

J. Miller, Secretary, and Gen. W. C. Newberry, Chairman of the Building Com-A thorough inspection of the Home was made, not only the building occupied but the elegant new structure in process of erection, in which the committee were

especially interested. They expressed themselves greatly pleased with the plan and the excellent results so far achieved for the amount of money expended. Some of them were practical builders and did not hesitate to say that the new building was the best in the State for the purpose in-After some hours spent at the Home the party repaired to Grand Army Hall, Wilmington, where a banquet was in waiting. prepared under the supervision of Past

National President Margaret Ray Wickens, Superintendent of the Home. The Home inmates were present. Then followed an afternoon Campfire, to which citizens and Grand Army comrades had been invited. When Mrs. Miller was commended for her able work, in securing the bill establishing the Home, she, in turn, called attention to the fact that her "friend at court" in presenting the bill and carrying out the measure was Judgé Cochran. Gen. Newberry's services in connection with the bill were warmly commended.

Visitors are numerous at the Soldiers' Widows' Home. The large acquaintance Past National President Wickens is in-

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